

QIC Monthly Meeting Richfield Southwest Region
October 28, 2009

Our monthly QIC meeting was held at Central Utah Counseling Center (CUCC) at 12:30PM on Wednesday July 29th.

In attendance: Tammy Powell, DJJS; April Fortie, Family Support Center Manager; Coylene Brinkerhoff, Richfield foster parent; Karen Payne, CASA Program Manager; Shelley Haupt, Community Partner; Leanne Geigle, CUCC; Katie Summers CUCC Ephraim; Pamela Allred, DCFS Supervisor Richfield; Bruce Zylks DCFS Program Administrator and Karen Anderson, DCFS Sr. Assistant Caseworker.

Excused: Angie Morrill; Gail Albrecht, Sevier School District; Arleen Cromwell PhD, CUCC Director Richfield; Caron Wither, New Horizons Crisis Center; Gail Albrecht, Sevier School District; Marissa Douglas, UFCF; Mike Godfrey, Manti DCFS Supervisor; Selena Terry, Phavant School Principal; Valorie Johnson, DV worker; Mary Lee Harrison, Retired Community Partner; Don Brinkerhoff, foster parent

Agenda Items:

Welcome & Introductions – Shelley Haupt
Worker Retention – Karen Payne
Utah Foster Care Foundation update - Marissa
Report from Family Support Center – April
State QIC Annual Meeting – Bruce
New Employees Richfield & Manti - Bruce
Children's Justice Center in Richfield – Bruce
Parenting Classes
Support Group – Angie
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Shelley Haupt welcomed everyone to the QIC meeting and introductions were made. September's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Worker Retention – Karen Payne reported that she is working on a thank you for the Richfield and Manti DCFS worker for the second week in November and will also do a new employee welcome for Matt in the Richfield office.

Utah Foster Care Foundation update - Marissa was unable to attend and will give an update in January.

Report from Family Support Center – April reported that the Family Support Center is now opened full time (their funding came through). They serve children ages 0 through 11 and will shelter new DCFS foster children for up to two weeks. They also hired two new care givers.

State QIC Annual Meeting – Bruce reported that the State QIC will be held on December 1st. Because of budget issue Sevier County's QIC will be sending one person. Shelley said that she will attend as QIC Chair. It will be held in SLC at the Embassy Suites.

New Employee Richfield DCFS – Pam announced that the Richfield DCFS office has a new CPS worker Matt Cox. Matt has a family, had worked for UDOT for 12 year, went back to school received his degree and is now working for DCFS. Pam said she had 32 people apply for the CPS job, out of the 32 they interviewed 9.

Employee Manti DCFS – Bruce announced that Darin, the CPS worker in the Manti office will be transferring to Cedar City.

Children's Justice Center (CJC) Richfield – Bruce reported that DCFS has tried for 10 years to open a CJC in Richfield. Because Sevier County would need to be the fiscal agent for the CJC, DCFS needed the support of The Sevier County Commissions which they were not able to obtain. Over the last three years Sevier County has elected new County Commissions. Monday the State Attorney General, Judge Lyman and Dale Eye Assistant Attorney General will meet on this issue. The CJC would be available for interviews of children who were abuse or neglected. There is already a building in Richfield for a CJC. Federal money is available for start up cost. After the CJC is established, they would need to have their own board and write grants and do fun raising for ongoing services.

Parenting Class's held in Sevier County – The Family Support Center will be holding another Love & Logic parenting class, dates to be announced. DJJS will be holding a parenting class in December and Troy with DJJS will hold one in Manti if enough parents sign up. DJJS will also be holding a Peer Group Relationship Class; it will be for 1hr for 8 weeks consecutive weeks from 4:30 to 5:30, in Manti at the DCFS conference room down stair and on Wednesdays in Richfield at DJJS.

Support Group – Angie, will report in January.

Other Business:

- 1) Bruce reported that he has talked to Glen Ames with DJJS. After July 1, 2010 because of the States budget Sevier County could no longer have Youth Service Shelter. This will affect the entire community, to include DCFS removal, uncontrollable youth, etc. Salt Lake City will be the only county that will have a Youth Service Shelter and will probably not take out of county youth. It wouldn't hurt to contact your legislator to let them know how you feel.
- 2) Shelley has a meeting at the Capital tomorrow for Crimes Victims Rep. She will talk to Christine Waters about youth services.
- 3) Sub for Santa – Valorie Johnson & Lani Busk are spear heading the Sub for Santa this year in Sevier County, they have Angel Trees at Crisp's, Barrett's, Lin's and Kmart.
- 4) QCR for Southwest Region will be the week of February 22nd. Please let Karen know if you are interested in being a shadow reviewer.
- 5) CUCC received a Tobacco Grant.

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